



MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER

BY NOW YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING:

- **Recital Ticket Purchasing Information sheet – Ticket Day is SATURDAY, MAY 15TH.**
 - Make sure you have pulled your lottery “ticket time” from our lottery box before Saturday, May 15th.
- **Picture Schedule and Order Forms – Recital Picture Days – Sunday, May 16th, Tuesday, May 18th and Wednesday, May 19th.**
 - There will be NO regular classes held on Tuesday, May 18th and Wednesday, May 19th due to recital pictures.
 - Pictures are held at the dance studio.
- **Stage Make-up Instruction sheet with diagram and helpful hairstyling tips.** (*see below)
- **Dress Rehearsal Schedule – Dress Rehearsal Days – Friday, June 4th, Saturday, June 5th, Monday, June 7th, Tuesday, June 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday, June 10th, 2010.**
 - Dress rehearsals are held at Greendale High School in the Henry Ross Auditorium.
 - There will be NO dress rehearsals or regular classes held at the dance studio or GHS on Friday, June 11th.
- **Recital Costumes** (* * see below) and **Costume Instruction** sheets.

YOU WILL BE RECEIVING THE FOLLOWING BEGINNING THE WEEK OF MONDAY, MAY 10TH:

- **Summer Class Schedule – Classes begin Monday, June 21st.**
- **Revised Recital Line-Up** (the order of the dances in some shows have been changed)

**** COSTUMES** – Most classes have already received their costumes, including extra accessories, along with a costume / hairstyle instruction sheet. You should also have the proper shoes required for each dance unless they have been back ordered. Please purchase your tights as soon as possible. You may purchase tights at our front desk. No ordering necessary! Remember that you need them for pictures on Sunday, May 16th, Tuesday, May 18th and Wednesday, May 19th. If you have any questions concerning your recital costumes please do not hesitate to ask. We are still waiting for some costumes to arrive. If your dancer has not brought a costume home, you either owe unpaid fees or the costumes are not in yet. Please check at the desk concerning any unpaid balances.

ALTERATIONS – Parents of dancers are responsible for alterations to all costumes. We order costumes in December and generally order larger than measurements taken in November to allow for growth. We cannot possibly judge how much or how little all the students we order costumes for will grow or will not grow. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADJUST PANT LENGTH IF NECESSARY. Costumes come in a standard long length to accommodate the tallest dancers. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PANTS DRAGGING!** Please do not feel it is necessary to go to great lengths to have a costume altered to be custom fit. Many times safety pins and/or basting stitches work well and costumes look fine from stage.

***HAIR STYLING & COSMETIC APPLICATION** – Now that you have your costume instruction sheets with hairstyle descriptions and hair & make-up instruction sheets, some of you may feel you need a little extra help in the hair and make-up areas. We would like to make this as stress-free as possible for you! On **Saturday, May 15th** (ticket purchasing day) a backstage representative will be at the studio throughout the day from **8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** to give you helpful hints in the hair and make-up departments. Some of you may be concerned about changing hairstyles between dance numbers now that you have received the line-up for each show. Representatives from the backstage staff will be in the lobby on **Saturday, May 15th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** to illustrate how the hairstyle changes can be done. We want to make this experience as stress-free as possible for you. We want you to enjoy recital time with your dancer. Do not stress yourself out... it's only hair!



Hair Styling & Cosmetic Application Services Let us do the work for you!

Teen dancers and parents of dancers in our Technique Intensive Program will be available to set and style hair and apply cosmetics for you for Recital Pictures. They will be using this service as a fundraiser.

IMPORTANT – For hygienic purposes, you must provide rollers, hair rubber bands, combs, brushes, bobby pins as well as cosmetics and applicators. We do not share products or applicators.

- Hair Setting (Rolling) - \$15.00 per dancer
- Bun Hairstyle - \$5.00 per dancer
- Cosmetic Application - \$10.00 per dancer
- Unrolling & Styling Curls - \$5.00

AN APPOINTMENT MUST BE SCHEDULED FOR HAIR SETTING (ROLLING). Hair rolling will be done at the studio the evening prior to your Picture Day. (Yes, you can wear your rollers to school. It's been done many, many times before by lots of dancers!)

No appointment necessary for hair styling and/or cosmetic application. Please arrive at least 1 hour prior to your scheduled picture time for hairstyling and cosmetic application. Arrive 45 minutes early if you will be using only one of the services, either hairstyling or cosmetic application. Payments are made to the front desk at the time of service.

SHOE BACK ORDERS – If any back ordered shoes are not in by your picture day we will hide feet in the group picture or you may be able to borrow a “try-on” for individual pictures if we have the style, color and size you need in stock.



TICKETS GO ON SALE SATURDAY, MAY 15th! Please refer to the ticket purchasing information sheet for more information. **NO DANCERS IN COSTUME ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM DURING ANY SHOWS!** If a dancer changes out of costume to sit in a purchased reserved auditorium seat they may not return backstage to participate in the show's **FINALE**.

IMPORTANT!!! – **ALL TUITION PAYMENTS AND ANY OTHER OUTSTANDING BALANCES MUST PAID IN FULL** (tuition through May and any late fees – there is no charge for June) **BEFORE** YOU CAN PURCHASE RECITAL TICKETS! This includes those families purchasing tickets using our “envelope method”. Get your May tuition payment in by Friday, May 7th to be eligible for our drawing for 10 free recital tickets! Congratulations to Kayla Scheidt for winning last month's raffle earning free tuition for May!

HANDICAPPED SEATING – If you have someone coming to the show in a wheelchair or with other special needs, please let us know **BEFORE** ticket purchasing day. When you come to the studio on Ticket Day Saturday, May 15th we will already have your handicap seating prearranged. Handicap seating will accommodate 1 to 2 additional family members to be seated with the audience member with special needs. Handicap seating is included in the 10-ticket limit and not in addition to your 10 tickets. Again, please let us know ahead of time **before** Ticket Day, Saturday May 15th.

BACKSTAGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! – Representatives in charge of backstage volunteers will be here on Saturday, May 15th (ticket purchasing day) so you can check with them about any costume changes your dancer may have within the same act. You can also **SIGN-UP TO HELP BACKSTAGE**. Please sign-up with the backstage coordinators on Saturday, May 15th. We need each and every one of you! We especially need dads and moms to volunteer for the boys' dressing room for each of the 7 shows!

COSTUME CHANGES – Each show is divided into 2 Acts with a 15-minute intermission. The backstage crew will make costume changes within each act. A list of costume changes within each act is being compiled at this time. If dancers have a dance in the first act and one in the second, we assume that you will come backstage during intermission to help your child with the costume and hairstyle change. **Please check on ticket day (Saturday, May 15th) that your dancer is on the costume change list if your dancer has a costume change within a single Act in any of our recitals. **REMEMBER TO LIMIT MOVEMENT IN THE AUDITORIUM DURING THE RECITALS.** Please rely on our back stage crew to change your dancer within an Act, instead of getting up to go backstage to do it yourself. Auditorium doors are open in between dances **ONLY!** Please do not get up in the middle of a dance group's performance to exit the auditorium.**

PREPARING FOR THE SHOWS – All dancers are being adequately prepared for the rehearsals and recitals. Teachers explain what to expect backstage and the importance of cooperation in helping to make things run smoothly. For example, little ones are told they must wait for someone to pick them up backstage and not to go looking for mom or dad in the hallways, etc.

RECITAL TIMES – Show time is 7:00 p.m. for each of the 7 performances. You will receive more information about dancer arrival times, etc. in the June Newsletter and Backstage Information sheet, which will be handed out in mid-May.



2010 – 2011 TECHNIQUE INTENSIVE (TI) PROGRAM AUDITIONS

Auditions for the 2010 – 2011 TI Program will be held **FRIDAY, MAY 14TH and SATURDAY, MAY 15TH**.
For more information and a specific time schedule please pick up an information packet at the front desk.



An informational meeting will be held at the dance studio prior to TI program auditions on **SATURDAY, MAY 8th at 10:00 a.m.**

It is important to attend this meeting if your dancer is auditioning for the first time or has not been involved in the TI Program in years past. It is not necessary for you to attend this meeting if your dancer is currently enrolled in the TI Program, however you are welcome to attend.

TI NEWS... All of our competitive dancers competed at the *Showbiz Competition* in Minneapolis, April 22nd – 25th. The dancers did an awesome job! Competition results are posted in the studio lobby.

RECITAL T-SHIRTS – We are again selling T-shirts to commemorate our annual recital. **RECITAL T-SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 24TH**. No orders this year!

T-shirt prices are as follows: \$17.00 for one, \$34.00 for two, \$45.00 for three, each additional shirt is \$15.00 each.

To receive the volume discount, you must purchase your T-shirts all at one time. In other words, you may not come in and purchase two shirts one day for \$34.00 and then come in on another day and purchase two more T-shirts for the discounted price. T-shirts range in size from Child Small up to Adult Extra Large. Please make checks payable to Young Dance Academy or you may pay with cash.

REMINDER – “Decorative Touch” will be taking orders for ballerina pigs, bears and chicks on **SATURDAY, MAY 15TH** at the studio from 8:00 a.m. at 5:30 p.m. You may also pick up an order form and mail it to *Decorative Touch*. Items will be delivered to GHS on the show day you request. Items must be paid for upon ordering. Cash, check or credit card on Saturday, May 15th, check or credit card only for mail-in orders. **IMPORTANT – No orders will be taken after Saturday, May 15th including mail-in orders. Please place all orders by Saturday, May 15th.**

UPCOMING DAYS OFF – Just a reminder...

- ✧ **NO** regular classes on **Tuesday, May 18th & Wednesday, May 19th** (Recital Picture Days).
 - ✧ **NO** classes on **Saturday, May 29th & Monday, May 31st**, the Memorial holiday weekend.
 - ✧ **NO** classes held at the studio on **Friday, June 4th** because of the overlap with dress rehearsals at Greendale High School. However, there will be regular classes at the studio on **Saturday, June 5th**, as those classes will not overlap with dress rehearsals at GHS. **NO** regular classes held at the studio **Monday, June 7th - Saturday, June 19th**.
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COMING UP IN MAY:

- 1) More recital information (arrival times, procedure, etc.).
- 2) Information for those who have volunteered to help back stage.
- 3) Recital DVD ordering information.

FALL REGISTRATION – Our 2010 – 2011 schedules will be mailed in early July with registration for our 2010 – 2011 program beginning **Monday & Tuesday, July 19th and 20th**.

Thank you!
Sandy Young and Staff